

Ohio River. My preference is for an eastern bridge which completes the I-265 beltway. Such a route would promote job creation in southern Indiana and relieve highway congestion in the greater Louisville area. Congress, with my support, approved in 1994 \$500,000 for the project, which is now funding a study, to be completed this November, on a possible bridge location. Also, Governor Bayh, at my urging, recently committed \$1 million for an environmental impact statement (EIS). The EIS will follow the location study, and is a necessary step, under federal law, before construction can begin on the project. It will investigate the project's effect on the natural, economic and social environments of the area and provide a cost-benefit analysis of the project.

US 231 HIGHWAY

I have also led efforts to upgrade US 231 in Spencer County to a four-lane highway. Governor Bayh, at my request, recently committed \$500,000 to conduct an EIS, starting this fall, on the highway project. A four-lane highway will greatly improve the current transportation network in this region, linking I-64 in Indiana to the Natcher Bridge, Owensboro and the Kentucky parkway system in the south. It will also encourage economic development in Spencer, Dubois and Perry Counties.

FLOOD PROTECTION

Heavy rains this year highlight the need for effective flood protection, particularly along the Ohio River, to secure homes, businesses, and public infrastructure in the region. A House committee, at my request, has provided \$2.8 million to repair six Ohio River flood protection projects built by the Corps of Engineers from 1943 to 1954 and operated and maintained by the cities of Lawrenceburg, Jeffersonville-Clarksville, New Albany, Cannelton, Tell City, and Evansville. The full House will soon consider the measure.

OHIO RIVER GREENWAY

The greenway will connect the waterfronts in Jeffersonville, Clarksville, and New Albany, and provide residents and visitors with better access to this scenic riverfront corridor and its various attractions, including the Falls of the Ohio National Wildlife Conservation Area, the Louisville skyline, and the historic districts along the riverfront. Congress, at my request, has approved funding over the last few years for initial planning and design work on the project. A House committee is considering a bill to authorize construction of the greenway.

REDEVELOPMENT AT CLOSING BASES

Indiana has been hard hit by the four rounds of military base closings. Four major bases have been closed, including the Jefferson Proving Ground (JPG) in Madison; one, the Indiana Army Ammunition Plant (INAAP), has been inactivated; and another, the Naval Ordnance Station, Louisville (NOSL), which employs several hundred Indiana residents, is being privatized. These closures have had a significant impact on communities throughout the state. My efforts have focused on promoting commercial uses at these installations.

JEFFERSON PROVING GROUND

The Army formally closed JPG last year, and efforts are under way to find productive uses for the 55,000 acre property. A local businessman won an open competition to acquire the 3,400-acre cantonment area, the built-up area south of the firing line. He is now farming the open land and marketing the buildings. An additional 230 acres have been set aside for a county park. The acreage north of the firing line has significant contamination problems. The Army estimates

that over 1 million rounds of unexploded ordnance litter the firing range, significantly limiting possible reuses of the property. It appears likely that most of the property will remain wilderness, with perhaps some limited access, in time, to the Old Timbers Lodge and other specific areas, and that the Indiana Air Guard will continue to run training flights into the range.

INDIANA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT

The Army inactivated the ammo plant in Charlestown in October 1992, but chose not to sell the installation because it wants to be able to reactivate the black powder plant at the facility in the event of a national emergency. The key now is finding productive uses for other portions of the facility. ICI, the plant contractor, has contracted with the Army to use the resources at the installation for commercial development, and has succeeded in attracting 62 businesses, employing over 600 people, to the plant. ICI is now working to locate larger tenants to the property. I have taken the lead in establishing a 2000-acre state park at the far eastern end of the installation. The new Charlestown Park, to be opened later this year, will be an outstanding addition to the state park system, along a scenic stretch of the Ohio River.

NAVAL ORDNANCE STATION, LOUISVILLE

The Base Closure and Realignment Commission voted last year to close NOSL, but gave the Navy the option of privatizing the installation rather than relocating the activities to other facilities. I opposed the decision to close, but now that the decision has been made, have been working to keep good-paying jobs in the greater Louisville area. Under the current plan, two contractors will perform Navy work on site and hire most of the current workforce by mid-August.

CONCLUSION

We have had some setbacks with the recent base closings, but are making progress on redevelopment of these properties. We are also making headway on key infrastructure projects, such as the I-265 bridge. I am committed to working with local leaders on these and other job-creation efforts.

IN MEMORY OF MR. EDWARD PREE

HON. RICHARD J. DURBIN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the good works and mourn the passing of Mr. Edward Pree a life-long community activist in Springfield, IL. Mr. Pree shared his life of the arts, sports, and his nation with many in the Springfield community.

After completing his law school education and service in the Army during World War II, Mr. Pree returned to Springfield to practice law with his father. The demands of this successful law practice did not keep Edward from serving those who returned from their tour of duty disabled. Mr. Pree was honored for his distinguished service by the Disabled American Veterans in 1962. He continued his work with veterans as a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Edward's life-long work with the American Legion led to his being honored with the American Legion's Americanism Award in 1991. Edward was an enthusiastic and devoted patriot. This was witnessed on many oc-

casions when he would be called on to address a gathering at a Memorial Day, Veterans' Day, or July 4th event.

Mr. Pree's love of the arts will long be remembered because of the endowments and scholarships he established to advance Springfield's artistic community. In 1978, Edward began an endowment to benefit the Springfield Art Association. He also set up the Georg Art Scholarship, the Edward Pree Speech award at Pawnee High School, and the Georg Endowment for the preservation of Edwards Place, a local historic site.

Mr. Pree's work with the Springfield sports community led to his being named one of the first inductees to the Springfield Sports Hall of Fame. Edward was inducted as a "Friend of Sports" because of his generosity in team sponsorships and his tenure as president of the American National Sports Corporation and as sports director at American Legion Post 32.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their condolences to Mrs. Margaret Pree and the entire Pree Family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 23, 1996, due to a malfunction of my congressional beeper, I missed rollcall vote No. 342, an amendment to H.R. 3814, the Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1997, offered by Representative GEORGE RADANOVICH. I intended to vote "Yea" on Mr. RADANOVICH's amendment, as I fully support increased efforts to combat the escalating use of drugs in our country.

THOMAS J. BALSHI, DDS, IS HONORED

HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, for almost a quarter of a century, Thomas J. Balshi, a fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists, has impacted the health of thousands of individuals worldwide by contributions to research, education, and the clinical practice of prosthetic dentistry.

He trained others from Bosnia and Herzegovina to bring healing and restoration to that war-torn population. He has championed the benefits of prosthetic care throughout the country of India, in Uruguay and Colombia, and has spoken before the Royal Society of Medicine in London.

Dr. Balshi is a pioneer in the field of implant prosthetics. His work has renewed the health and self-confidence of his patients. Dr. Balshi commits himself clinically and personally to the careful renewal of every patient's smile, whether the patient be indigent or celebrity. Through his years of professional practice, he has earned the reputation of being a dental court of last resort. By engineering innovative solutions, he has specialized in saving diagnosed hopeless dental cases.

Dr. Balshi is a recent recipient of the prestigious George Washington Medal of Honor from the National Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, PA. He was honored for his contributions to dental science through education. The Freedoms Foundation honors Americans whose lives reinforce and exhibit the patriotic values of our country's Founding Fathers.

A former captain in the U.S. Army, 1972 to 1974, Dr. Balshi was chief, department of fixed prosthetics, Mills Army Dental Clinic, Fort Dix, NJ. He received the Army Commendation Medal for Extraordinary Service.

He became a fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists in 1976, following graduation from Temple University School of Dentistry in 1972. He is a 1968 graduate of Villanova University.

He served as editor of the International College of Prosthodontists Newsletter for its inaugural 10 years. In this role, he actively participated in establishing worldwide communication among practitioners of his specialty.

Dr. Thomas J. Balshi is commended for his masterful way of blending heart, art, and science to serve those in need.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER SPEAKS

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, as White House National Security Adviser Anthony Lake recently met with the Chinese leaders in Beijing. I believe it is important for Members of Congress to know what the Republic of China's leaders have been thinking about the reunification and other foreign policy issues. The best answers were provided by Mr. John H. Chang, the newly appointed foreign minister of the Republic of China, in a news conference on June 25, 1996, in Taipei.

Minister Chang made essentially the following points: First, the Republic of China will not and should not engage in any reunification talks with Beijing unless the Republic of China and the People's Republic of China enjoy equal international status.

Second, Minister Chang asks the People's Republic of China not to sabotage the Republic of China's diplomatic efforts abroad, otherwise the People's Republic of China will simply hasten the appearance of the "Republic of Taiwan."

Third, Minister Chang hopes that the leaders in Beijing will keep their promise of "Chinese not fighting Chinese" by not derailing the Republic of China's efforts in joining international organizations.

Fourth, Minister Chang stresses that the Republic of China's foreign policy and its mainland policy are of equal importance and priority. Both policies are complementary to each other.

Fifth, the Republic of China, being a sovereign country, has no reason not to pursue its goal of rejoining the United Nations. The campaign to return to the United Nations is only one of the objectives of the Republic of China's government, not the top priority item. Returning to the United Nations is a long-term goal of the government, and at present the Republic of China only requests the United

Nations to set up an ad hoc committee to study the representation case.

Sixth, the Republic of China's diplomatic initiatives are not intended to aggravate or challenge the People's Republic of China. They are intended to create a beneficial environment for the Republic of China to survive internationally, to allow its citizens to live peaceably and to prosper at home and to afford its citizens pride and confidence as they travel abroad.

Mr. Speaker, I believe Minister Chang's June 25 press interview is helpful to our understanding of the latest developments in the Taiwan Strait.

RECOGNIZING A CHALLENGE TO OUR YOUNG LEADERS

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues a special message. Mr. Harold B. Williams, the former secretary of the Cleveland branch NAACP and a retired U.S. Department of Transportation official, recently addressed the Tabernacle A.M.E. Church in Idlewild, MI. This speech, which was delivered for the celebration of Black History Month, allowed him to send a message to our bright, young leaders of tomorrow. Mr. Williams reminded the audience that no one can reach the stars alone. He also challenged our youth to blaze their own trails and follow their own paths.

Mr. Williams also reminds us that we are here by the grace of our forefathers. He did a fine job of illuminating this point in his motivating address. Mr. Speaker, I particularly liked Harold Williams' speech because it reminds all young people that it will eventually be their responsibility to nurture, teach, and guide their successors, as well as their colleagues, toward goals which strengthen us as a Nation and a people. It is my hope that my colleagues will read this outstanding speech by Harold Williams and share its invaluable message. I ask that the following address be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

A LETTER TO YOUNG AFRICAN AMERICANS
PRESENTED IN OBSERVANCE OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, FEBRUARY 1996

(By Harold B. Williams)

Go! Go! Young Achievers—Excel to Olympic Heights. Bravo, African Americans of 1996. You are our pride. Come back and take someone with you!

Remember, no person makes it on their own! He or she walks in the footprints of the past. The antecedent of today's progress is found in the powerful energy unleashed generations ago to create today's chemistry for new opportunities.

Remember, young physicians and scientists, Daniel Hale Williams, pioneer in open heart surgery; Charles Drew, blood plasma research; Ben Carson, neurosurgeon, separator of Siamese twins; Louis Sullivan, Secretary of Health and Human Services, President of Morehouse College of Medicine; Jocelyn Elders, Surgeon General; Lonnie R. Bristow, President of American Medical Association, and others.

Go! Go! Young people of science. We are proud of you. Choose a cause for African Americans and humanity—health care for

the poor, nutrition for children, hypertension, cancer or AIDS. You can do it. We are counting on you. Come back and take someone with you!

Young attorneys, at the bar of justice you jet from an orbit set by Charles Houston, NAACP counsel, Dean of Howard University Law School; Thurgood Marshall, NAACP counsel, U.S. Supreme Court Justice; William Coleman, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, corporate lawyer, Chairman of NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund; Patricia R. Harris, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Affairs, ambassador and corporate lawyer; Johnny Cochran, trial lawyer for defense, and many more.

Go! Go! Young barristers, you successful legal specialist. Welcome to the prestigious law firms of "Able, Best, Class, and Dollar," Reach for a new orbit, guardians of our civil rights. We are proud of you. Bravo! Come back and take someone with you.

Twentieth Century African Americans, captains of business—from door to door salesmen to auto dealerships to international food chains—how impressive! Remember Madam C.J. Walker, entrepreneur of hair products and hair care; John Johnson, publisher of Ebony and Jet Magazines; Robert Maynard, Editor/Publisher, Oakland Tribune, a major U.S. daily newspaper; Reginald Lewis of Beatrice Foods, first African American C.E.O. of a billion dollar corporation; Andrew Brimmer, economist and a former governor of the Federal Reserve Board; Jessie Hill, Chairman, Atlanta Life Insurance Company; and the new breed of diversified investors/proprietors: J. Bruce Llewellyn, Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company, chairman ABC T.V., Buffalo N.Y.; Percy Sutton, chairman, Inner City Broadcasting N.Y., past President, Borough of Manhattan; Bill Cosby, Oprah Winfrey, Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, and others.

Go! Go! Young Tycoons! There is always room at the top for "BUPPIES," Wall Streeters and super achievers. Go alumni from the University of Entrepreneurial Self Help. We are very, very proud of you! Hats off to you alphabets—Ph.D's, CPA's, JD's, MBA's, etc. Bravo! You are proud of yourselves—You should be. Where would you be without your smarts? But what would you be without the past to use your smarts? Go! Create opportunity, goodwill and Come back and take someone with you!

African American artists—Our first frontier of interracial progress, we are proud and happy with your accomplishments. You are our hope for the future. Remember Marian Anderson, Metropolitan opera diva and concert artist; Scott Joplin, composer; Josephine Baker, international singer and entertainer; Paul Robeson, concert artist and actor; W.C. Handy, composer of "St. Louis Blues"; Lena Horne, actress and singer; Katherine Dunham, dance and choreographer; Sidney Poitier, actor; Spike Lee, producer; Quincy Jones, musician, composer, arranger; James Earl Jones, actor; Barry Gordy, founder and chairman of Motown Records; Whitney Houston, singer; Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, husband and wife actor and actress and producers. Remember the Great Duke Ellington! And many, many others who left the stage door open and the lights on.

Go! Go! Young artists (no stereotypes!) Win your Pulitzers for writing and your Image, Emmy and Oscar awards for drama, comedy, classical music, Broadway song and dance. Bravo! Young electronic media performers, writers, sculptors, painters and poets. Leave the stage door open and the lights on—Come back and take someone with you!

African American statesmen and other persona are gifted and respected individuals upon our horizons—from Privates to Admirals and Generals—from Annapolis, West